

Mary Lou Terrien

From: Todd Theisen <toddgrandrapids@gmail.com>
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To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: Strongly OPPOSED to HB 5232/SB 720

As I understand HB 5232/SB 720, passage of the Preservation Modernization bill would reduce my private property rights.

In addition to my home in Heritage Hill, I own over 40 rental units in Grand Rapids' historic Heritage Hill and Cherry Hill neighborhoods. I began making this significant investment over 15 years ago based in part on the protections provided by PA 169. I expect any effort to hand over control of the historic guidelines to politicians would be a deterrent to future investment.

Please understand the vast majority of people who own historic homes seek out these neighborhoods with their very unique benefits and responsibilities. Asking people who do not live in our neighborhoods to vote on their historic status would be akin to allowing me to vote on what improvements should be allowed on your home. Enabling politicians to regulate the historic guidelines represents a lack of understanding about how our communities have successfully functioned for decades with citizen boards.

I would be pleased to discuss this issue in more detail with you, but please know that many people have a very personal relationship with their historic homes. Passage of this bill under the guise of protecting historic property owner rights - who were not adequately involved in the bill's creation - is nothing short of hypocrisy.

Sincerely,

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